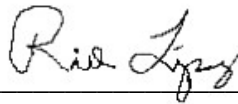


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Amendment Transmittal

A Reason for Amendment

Incorporate Conservation Reserve Program Mid Contract Management requirements

Subparagraph 153 C is being amended to provide that the STC Committee has established the maintenance rate as \$4.00 per acre for all general signup practices.

Subparagraph 239, incorporates State Committee approved CRP management Activities for CRP practices.

NM Exhibit 2– Required and Optional Mid – Management Requirements

NM Exhibit 3– Modification of CRP Plan for Cover Management for CRP Contract Options for Mid Contract Management

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153 Maximum Payment Rate

**C
Maintenance
Provisions**

The State Committee has established \$4.00 per acre as the maintenance rate to reimburse participants for the cost of practice maintenance for all general sign up practices.

239 Managed Approved Cover(Continued)

A Required Management

Refer to NM Exhibit 2 for the State FSA Committee approved CRP management activities for General CRP and Continuous CRP practices.

Participants with contracts effective for signup 26 and subsequent signups, management activities in NM Exhibit 2 will be required during the contract period.

For CRP practices CP1, CP2, CP10 management activities must be completed once during the contract period. For CP22 management activities are required at least once during the contract period.

Management activities shall be completed outside the primary nesting season of March 1 through July 1.

Conservation Reserve Program Mid Contract Management on CRP Lands

The following provides information regarding “Mid-Contract Management” requirements for the CRP. This information shall be used during CRP contract development. It will also be used to add mid-contract management to existing CRP contracts when requested by a participant.

Required Mid-Contract Management

Mid-contract management is required for certain practices starting with General CRP Signup 26. Management activity(s) must be completed before the end of year 6 for contracts with a 10 year contract length, or before the end of year 9 for contracts with a 15 year contract length. In no case should management activities occur during the last 3 years of the CRP contract.

To meet the one management activity requirements for CP-1s, CP-2s or CP-10s, CP-22s, a participant could do the same management practice once on half the acreage and the same management practice on the other half of the acreage during different calendar years or up to 75 percent of the acreage in earlier years of the contract period and 25 percent in the subsequent contract years. Producers at a minimum are required to apply one practice on all acres on the CRP contract.

Optional Mid-Contract Management

Mid-contract management is optional for general CRP contracts that started in signup prior to the 26th General CRP signup.

If a participant decides to add mid-contract management when it is optional, cost-share can still be paid for the activity. If the participant chooses to add mid-contract management activity(s) to their contract prior to NRCS completion of the final status review, NRCS will modify the contract to include the required information. Mid-contract management activities shall not begin until the final status review is completed. If a participant chooses to add mid-contract management after the final status review has been completed by NRCS, the participant shall work with FSA and NRCS to add the required information to the contract and conservation plan.

Regardless of whether mid-contract management is planned as a requirement or an option by the participant, items that are required for mid-contract management as part of a contract include scheduled mid-contract management practice narratives, practice cost-share, and the completed Mid-Contract Management/Maintenance Job Sheets. The CPO may be modified during the contract period if determined necessary by the NRCS and approved by the FSA County Committee. For example, if a stand is slow to establish and the management activity needs to be delayed a couple of years. Certain weather conditions may also affect the timing of, or need for, scheduled management activities. The participant may also request a reassessment by NRCS of the need for the mid-contract management practice when the participant exercises the managed grazing option.

Management activities may be conducted and cost-shared more frequently than the required one, provided that the activity is technically justified and not prohibited by 2-CRP paragraph 484.

A mid-contract management activity for each listed CRP practice must be conducted minimum of once during the contract period. See FOTG for specifications.

Management Activity	CRP Practice	FOTG Practice
Re-seeding	CP1- Introduced Grasses and Legumes CP2 – Native Grasses CP10 – Vegetative Cover Already Established	<u>643</u> – Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats
Prescribed Burning	CP1- Introduced Grasses and Legumes CP2 – Native Grasses CP10 – Vegetative Cover Already Established	<u>338</u> – Prescribed Burning <u>595</u> - Pest Management
Mowing	CP1- Introduced Grasses and Legumes CP2 – Native Grasses CP10 – Vegetative Cover Already Established	<u>327</u> – Conservation Cover <u>595</u> - Pest Management
Managed Grazing No Cost Share	CP1- Introduced Grasses and Legumes CP2 – Native Grasses CP10 – Vegetative Cover Already Established	<u>528</u> - Prescribed Grazing <u>595</u> - Pest Management
Pest Management	CP22 Riparian Buffer	<u>595</u> - Pest Management
Brush Management	CP22 Riparian Buffer	<u>314</u> – Brush Management